

1 AN ACT relating to sexual assault of animals.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) A person commits the crime of sexual assault of a dog or cat if the person:*

6 *(a) Touches or contacts, or causes an object or another person to touch or*
7 *contact, the mouth, anus, or sex organs of a dog or cat for the purpose of*
8 *arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of a person; or*

9 *(b) Causes a dog or cat to touch or contact the mouth, anus, or sex organs of a*
10 *person for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of a*
11 *person.*

12 *(2) Sexual assault of a dog or cat is a Class D felony, except that if the offense is*
13 *committed in the presence of a minor, sexual assault of a dog or cat is a Class C*
14 *felony.*

15 *(3) Any person who has been convicted of, entered an Alford plea to, or pleaded*
16 *guilty to sexual assault of a dog or cat shall forfeit ownership of the dog or cat, if*
17 *applicable, and shall be prohibited from owning or possessing a dog or cat:*

18 *(a) For a period of five (5) years from the date of the conviction or plea for a*
19 *first offense; and*

20 *(b) For the remainder of the person's life for a second or subsequent offense.*

21 *(4) Any dog or cat forfeited under this section shall be offered to a nonprofit animal*
22 *rescue organization with a no-kill policy. If the nonprofit animal rescue*
23 *organization declines to accept a dog or cat, the dog or cat shall be given to a*
24 *county animal shelter. Dogs and cats that are received by a county animal shelter*
25 *pursuant to this section may not be euthanized unless they are deemed to be*
26 *suffering past recovery by a veterinarian.*